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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1173

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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 5771

PASS OP-61 FOR ADMIRAL BARROW

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS

SUBJ: LST FOR ECUADOR

REF: CNO 0715042 AUG 76

1. I AM INFORMED THAT CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN DOD HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE ECUADOR DESK WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT DOD CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON PEOPLE START IMMEDIATELY TO LOBBY WITH THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE LST TO ECUADOR.

2. THIS EMBASSY AND THE ECUADOR DESK HAVE WORKED ASSIDUOUSLY TO GET CONGRESSMAN WILSON AND HIS STAFF ON BOARD. HE IS ABSOLUTELY KEY ON THIS QUESTION AND SO FAR HE HAS DELIVERED ON HIS PROMISES. I THINK IT LIKELY THAT HE WILL OVERCOME THE REMAINING OBSTACLES ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I.E. BY PERSUASION OR IN A TEST OF VOTING STRENGTH.

3. I AM DUMBFOUNDED AS TO WHY SOMEONE IN DOD SHOULD NOW WISH TO RISK UPSETTING WILSON BY APPROACHING HIS COLLEAGUES OR HIS STAFFS AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE. IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE SCENARIO CALLS FOR DECISIVE ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY WILSON'S OFFICE ON AUGUST 23 WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES. THUS, THERE IS NOTHING TO GAIN BY TAKING ACTION NOW. SECOND, WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING WITH WILSON

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TO LET HIM HANDLE THE CONGRESSIONAL ANGLE. IT IS

OBVIOUS THAT HE PREFERS TO USE QUIET PERSUASION ON HIS  
COLLEAGUES, PROBABLY BECAUSE HE HAS OTHER FISH TO FRY  
WITH THEM AND DOES NOT WANT A CONFRONTATION ON THIS  
PARTICULAR ISSUE. I STRONGLY URGE THAT WE LET HIM  
PLAY OUT HIS HAND.  
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